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Re: *Generic Docket Addressing Rural Universal Service*
Docket No. 00-00523

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed are the original and thirteen copies of BellSouth's response to the Staff's Data Request of October 17, 2000. Copies of the enclosed are being provided to counsel of record for all parties.

Very truly yours,

Guy M. Hicks

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Enclosure

REQUEST: Have all agreements been terminated by BellSouth in Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina? If not, which agreements remain and why are they not being terminated?

RESPONSE: IntraLata toll arrangements among all local exchange companies in Florida were converted from a toll pooling arrangement that existed before the AT&T divestiture to a Modified Access Based Compensation (MABC) plan following industry negotiations.

IntraLata toll arrangements among all local exchange companies in North Carolina were converted from a toll pooling plan to the IntraLata Toll Originating Responsibility Plan following industry negotiations in January 1994.

IntraLata toll arrangements among all local exchange companies in South Carolina were converted from a toll pooling plan to the intraLata Depooling Plan following industry negotiations in 1993. GTE, Sprint, as well as BellSouth were toll providers from the outset. Since then all companies in South Carolina except for TDS have elected pursuant to that Depooling plan, to become toll providers.

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REQUEST: Compare the terms and conditions of the arrangements implemented in Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky and Louisiana with those proposed in Tennessee. Include discussions of both similar and differing terms and conditions.

RESPONSE: The terms and conditions of the arrangements in the response to Item 1. are essentially the same as proposed in Tennessee. The administrative process in Florida is unique but the end result is still the same. The Florida administrative process provides that each LEC sends a statement to all terminating LECs for the monthly payments due by that LEC to the terminating LEC.

In all other instances including that proposed for Tennessee, BellSouth prepares statements for all LECs with net payments due each LEC.

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REQUEST: For which selected companies in Alabama, Kentucky and Louisiana have agreements been terminated?

RESPONSE: GTE elected to become a toll provider in Kentucky in 1992 and Alabama in 1998. In Louisiana, CTE companies, East Ascension and Reserve elected to become toll providers

REQUEST: For which companies do agreements remain in place in Alabama, Kentucky and Louisiana and why did BellSouth not terminate these agreements?

RESPONSE: All companies other than those listed in the response to Item 3. remain on the plan that has been in place for the past decade. However, BellSouth is currently reviewing these arrangements and will seek changes similar to those planned in Tennessee at an appropriate time. Since BellSouth currently administers intraLata toll settlements among all LECs in nine states, the timing for changes must take into account the time needed to make the necessary process modifications.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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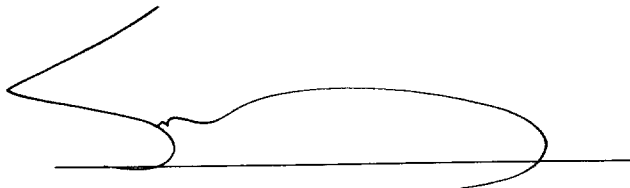
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